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TOPIC VPL Unit in Augustusbad

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REMARKS

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1. In 1945, the former sanatorium for lung and heart diseases at Limgau near Augustusbad north of Radeberg in Saxony quartered a motorized Soviet unit. A Soviet radio installation was also temporarily located there. In October/November 1952, the sanatorium was converted into a VP school. It was rumored that the construction of an airfield was also planned. No construction work has been done at the sanatorium after 1 March 1953. Source learned that the owner of the installation, a Swiss national, had claimed compensation for the utilization of his sanatorium. He was told that the Swiss would be compensated and that the sanatorium would continue to be used by the VP.
2. In October 1952, a VPL unit moved to the installation. Some of the VPs lived in private billets. The ceremony held on occasion of Stalin's death was attended by 350 VPs including 12 female sergeants. All the members of the unit wore blue service color, the EM with a large silver "A" on their epaulets, the officers and NCOs with a silver wing on their blue collar patches. The officers wore on their caps what appeared to be embroidered eagles, as worn by Soviet Air Force personnel. It was rumored among the local population that the unit was a VPL school.¹
3. Since about 1 March, about 50 men of the unit have been detached to the Sachsenwerk Plant in Radeberg for training purposes. They arrived by truck at 7 a.m. and were picked up again at 4:20 p.m. The VPs were trained in special rooms and were not allowed to enter workshops of the plant. The VPs were trained with RVG 903 B, PVG 902 C, ME 3 and FT 3 type radio equipment.²

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1. Comment. According to previous information, the 501st VPL officer school is located at Augustusbad. It is believed that officers or officer candidates of VPL ground units are being trained at the school, because the VP NCOs and EM observed there

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wore silver wings of their collar patches while flying personnel wear golden wings.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The training of VFL personnel at the Sachsenwerk Plant was reported previously. It is believed that this personnel did not belong to the officer school in Augustusbad but was only billeted there for the duration of a course. RVC 902 and 903 sets are decimeter wave sets; the ME 8 set is a carrier frequency set, while the FT 3 set is a frequency telegraphy set.

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